(d) what steps Government propose to take to provide alternative employment to the retrenched employees?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) At present, National Textile Corporation is managing 109 Nationalised and 15 managed units. As on 31-3-1990, these mills employed 1,54,878 and 24,156 persons respectively.

(b) NTC has a Special Voluntary Retirement Scheme for labour rationalisation which envisages voluntary retirement of workers. The retirement scheme does not involve retrenchment.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Introduction of value added tax scheme in the country

*119. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Value Added Tax (VAT) Scheme in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider the question to obviate the cascading effect of indirect taxes on the value of the final product and to encourage the auxiliary indurtries?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government have introduced a modified Value Added Tax called MODVAT which now extends to all commodities upto the manufacturing stage with the exception of only textiles, tobacco, petroleum products, aerated water and matches. In addition to MODVAT there are provisions for selective set off and proforma credit for duty paid on certain inputs going into the finished product.

Setting up energy food plant in the country

*120. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector Modern Food Industries Ltd. propose to set up more energy food plants in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the towns and cities in which these energy food plants would be set up and by when?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Presently Modern Food Industries Ltd. is setting up energy food plants (Poshahar plants) at Udaipur (Rajasthan), Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh) and Badaun (Uttar Pradesh). While the Udaipur and Ujjain plants are expected to be commissioned during 1990-91, the Badaun plant is expected to be commissioned during 1991-92.

Export of Tobacco

929. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tobacco exported during the last three years together with the names of the countries to which export has been made;

(b) the quantum of foreign exchange earned as a result thereof, year-wise;

(c) the target of exports fixed for the current year and for the next three years;

(d) the impact of the recent cyclone in Andhra Pradesh on the exports of tobacco; and

(e) the action taken by Government to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a)

Year	Qty. (In tonnes)
1987-88	48111
1988-89	39917
1989-90	58183

Countries to which major exports have been made are UK, France, FRG, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Czechoslovakia, GDR, USSR, PDRY, YAR, S. Arabia, Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Algeria, Egypt, Somalia, Libya, UAE, Indonesia, Singapore, etc.

(b) Year	Value. (Rs. crores)
1987-88	96.98
1988-89	100.72
1989-90	152.23

(c) The target of exports of Uumanufactured tobacco for the current year 1990-91 are under consideration. The target for future years has not been fixed.

(d) As per the information received from the Indian Tobacco Association, Guntur about 20,000 tonnes of tobacco procured by the dealers and exporters have been involved in the recent cyclone damages which may affect exports.

(e) Cash Compensatory Support @ 5 per cent has been allowed to continue on exports of VFC tobacco. Efforts are under way to identify and develop varieties having greater acceptability in overseas markets. Delegations are being mounted to countries where there is potential for sale of tobacco.

Development of tourism in Orissa

930. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the proposal included in the Seventh Five Year Plan for development of tourist places in Orissa which have been completed/implemented;

(b) the other proposal, if any, under consideration of Government for promotion of tourism in the State; and

(c) when the scheme are likely to be completed/implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The following projects/schemes for which central financial assistance was sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan, have already been completed:—

1. Boats for Mandankanan Zoological Park
2. Motor Vacht for Chilka Lake
3. Open Air Theatre at Konark
4. Boats for Bhitarkanika Wild Life Sanctuary
5. Water sports at Chilka Lake

(b) The following projects/schemes have been prioritised for central financial assistance to the State of Orirsa for the year 1990-91:—

1. Tourist complex one each at Pathrajpur, Ratnagiri, Udaigiri, Phoolbani and Thuamulhampur
2. Forest Lodge one each at Chandbeli and Tikarpada
3. Tourist Lodge at Bhitarkanika Wild Life Sanctuary
4. Visitors' centre at Bhubaneswar
5. Provision of tents/equipments for Adventure sports
6. Development of infrastructure at Lalitgiri